

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for playing back a storage medium storing still picture group management information (VOBGI) for managing still picture data (VOB) and N still picture data (VOB) as a still picture group (VOBG), where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management information (VOBGI) includes a first recording time (F_RECTM) at which the still picture data (VOB) in said still picture group (VOBG) was recorded first and a last recording time (L_RECTM) at which the still picture data (VOB) in said still picture group (VOBG) was recorded last, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving an entry of a predetermined time (TM);

comparing said predetermined time with said first and last recording times (F_RECTM, L_RECTM); and

selectively playing back the still picture data (VOB) belonging to said still picture group (VOBG) satisfying a condition $(F_RECTM < TM < L_RECTM)$ in which said predetermined time (TM) is equal to or later than said first recording time (F_RECTM) and equal to or earlier than said last recording time (L_RECTM).

2. A playback apparatus for playing back a storage medium storing still picture group management information (VOBGI) for managing still picture data (VOB) and N still picture data (VOB) as a still picture group (VOBG), where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said

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still picture group management information (VOBGI) includes a first recording time (F_RECTM) at which the still picture data (VOB) in said still picture group (VOBG) was recorded first and a last recording time (L_RECTM) at which the still picture data (VOB) in said still picture group (VOBG) was recorded last, said apparatus comprising:

a user interface for inputting a predetermined time (TM);

a control unit for comparing said predetermined time with said first and last recording times (F_RECTM, L_RECTM); and

means for reading out the still picture data (VOB) from said storage medium and playing back said still picture by selectively playing back the still picture data (VOB) belonging to said still picture group (VOBG) satisfying a condition $(F_RECTM < TM < L_RECTM)$ in which said predetermined time (TM) is equal to or later than said first recording time (F_RECTM) and equal to or earlier than said last recording time (L_RECTM).

3. A computer-readable storage medium storing thereon a procedure for controlling a computer to play back a storage medium storing still picture group management information (VOBGI) for managing still picture data (VOB) and N still picture data (VOB) as a still picture group (VOBG), where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management information (VOBGI) includes a first recording time (F_RECTM) at which the still picture data (VOB) in said still picture group (VOBG) was recorded first and a last recording time (L_RECTM) at which the still picture

data (VOB) in said still picture group (VOBG) was recorded last, said procedure comprising the steps of:

receiving an entry of a predetermined time (TM);

comparing said predetermined time with said first and last recording times (F_RECTM, L_RECTM); and

selectively playing back the still picture data (VOB) belonging to said still picture group (VOBG) satisfying a condition $(F_RECTM < TM < L_RECTM)$ in which said predetermined time (TM) is equal to or later than said first recording time (F_RECTM) and equal to or earlier than said last recording time (L_RECTM).

4. A storage medium storing still picture group management information (VOBGI) for managing still picture data (VOB) and N still picture data (VOB) as a still picture group (VOBG), where N is an integer number equal to or larger than one, wherein said still picture group management information (VOBGI) includes a first recording time (F_RECTM) at which the still picture data (VOB) in said still picture group (VOBG) was recorded first and a last recording time (L_RECTM) at which the still picture data (VOB) in said still picture group (VOBG) was recorded last, wherein when a playback apparatus for playing back said storage medium receives a predetermined time (TM), said storage medium causes said apparatus to compare said predetermined time with said first and last recording times (F_RECTM, L_RECTM), and selectively play back the still picture data (VOB) belonging to said still picture group (VOBG) satisfying a condition $(F_RECTM < TM < L_RECTM)$ in

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which said predetermined time (TM) is equal to or later than said first recording time (F_RECTM) and equal to or earlier than said last recording time (L_RECTM).

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